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We Claim:

- A method for long long-range prediction of fading signals for high speed downlink packet access from a base station to a mobile unit comprising the steps of: generating a prediction of fast flat fading;
- 5 selecting transmitter parameters as a function of the prediction of fast flat fading.
 - 2. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes coding rate.
- 10 3. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes modulation level.
 - 4. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes power allocation.
 - 5. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes multi-codes.
- 6. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes number of rate matching bits required to fill a frame.
 - 7. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes ARQ.

- 8. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the transmitter parameters includes cell site selection.
- 5 9. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of generating a prediction of fast flat fading further comprises uses maximum entropy method.
 - 10. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of generating a prediction of fast flat fading further comprises uses Root-MUSIC method.

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- 11. The method as recited in claim 1 wherein the step of generating a prediction of fast flat fading further comprises us MMSE AR method.
- 12. An apparatus for long long-range prediction of fading signals for high speed downlink packet access from a base station to a mobile unit comprising:
 - a generating unit for predicting fast flat fading; and,
 - a fading adaptive unit for selecting transmitter parameters as a function of the prediction of fast flat fading.
- 20 13. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includes coding rate.

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- 14. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includes modulation level.
- 15. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includespower allocation.
 - 16. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includes multi-codes.
- 10 17. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includes number of rate matching bits required to fill a frame.
 - 18. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includes ARQ.
 - 19. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the transmitter parameters includes cell site selection.
- 20. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the generating unit uses maximum20 entropy for predicting fast flat fading.
 - 21. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the generating unit uses Root-MUSIC for predicting fast flat fading.

22. The apparatus as recited in claim 12 wherein the generating unit uses MMSE AR for predicting fast flat fading.

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